Air Transport Association ata OF AMERICA

STEPHEN D. HAYES
Vice President - Public Information

1709 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-5206
Phone (202) 626-4000

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRLINE TRAFFIC RISES 5.4 PERCENT IN AUGUST; SPURRED BY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 18, 1990 -- Airline traffic rose 5.4 percent in August, thanks to strong growth in international travel, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles, however, grew just 1.4 percent in August, over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 6.3 percent. The number of passengers enplaned rose 1.2 percent to 38.5 million, while the load factor was 68.0 percent, down from 71.3 percent a year ago.

In international service, traffic in August climbed 16.7 percent, and available seat miles increased 10.6 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 13.4 percent, and the load factor averaged 81.0 percent compared to 76.8 percent in August last year.

For the first eight months of 1990, the revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 6.1 percent to 301.9 billion, and the number of passengers increased 3.1 percent to 199.8 million. The available seat miles increased 7.3 percent, and the load factor was down from 64.7 percent in 1989 to 63.9 percent in 1990.

# # #

#43 9/18/90

PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1990 - 1989

	AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	38,032	38,476	1.2	265,972	271,644	2.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	31,896,388	32,337,427	1.4	216,387,752	222,286,616	2.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	44,711,455	47,538,202	6.3	339,185,207	360,430,721	6.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	71.3	68.0		63.8	61.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,948	4,477	13.4	24,825	28,150	13.4
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	11,258,450	13,134,439	16.7	68,105,458	79,586,703	16.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	14,658,830	16,219,223	10.6	100,856,229	111,726,171	10.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	76.8	81.0		67.5	71.2	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	41,980	42,953	2.3	290,797	299,794	3.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	43,154,838	45,471,866	5.4	284,493,210	301,873,319	6.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	59,370,285	63,757,425	7.4	440,041,436	472,156,892	7.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	72.7	71.3		64.7	63.9	

NOTE: HAWAIIAN AUGUST NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,730,432	58,343,920	69.8	39,552
August	43,154,838	59,370,285	72.7	41,980
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	420,171,928	663,056,729	63.4	430,790
Jan - Aug 1989	284,493,210	440,041,436	64.7	290,797
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,953
TOTAL 1990	301,873,319	472,156,892	63.9	299,794

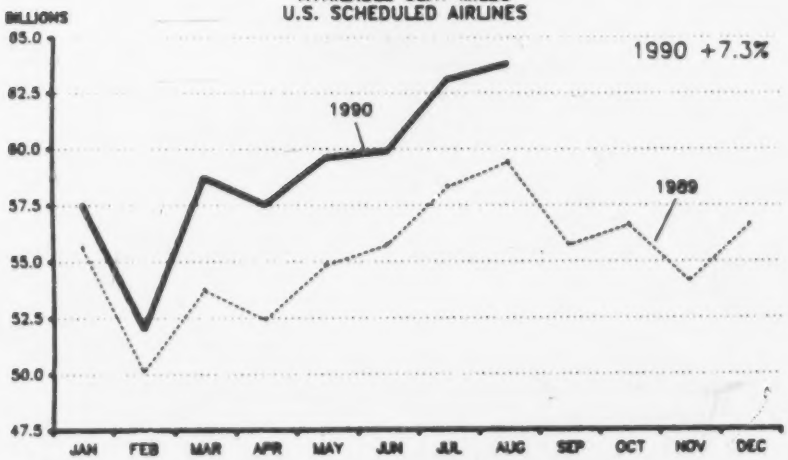
	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
August	5.4	7.4	2.3
Jan - August	6.1	7.3	3.1

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES